Drugs for control of Diabetic and Blindness

1618. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Phenformin, Glipizide and Glybenclamide are used for control of diabetic and blindness;

(b) whether Kelkar Committee did not think these oral antidiabetics as essential and important;

(c) whether his Ministry referred the matter to Health Ministry for their views; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what corrective steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) and (b) The Drugs referred to in the question, are meant for control of diabetis and not Blindness. Out of them, only Glybenclamide was included in the list of Schedule II drugs on the basis of earlier recommendations of the Kelkar Committee. Glybenclamide has since been excluded from price control on the basis of recommendations of Kelkar Committee contained in the Supplementary Report.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Higher prices of Ampicillin Capsules

1619. DR. GOVIND DAS RICHHARIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee has invited his attention to the fact that same pack of Ampicillin Capsules are being sold by small scale units at a price higher than the ceiling price;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee has also come to the conclusion that consumer suffers on both accounts of price and quality;

(c) whether his Ministry has examined this recommendation; and

(d) if so, what decision has been taken and if not, what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) to (d) All Category-II formulations including *Ampicillin Capsules*, are *exempt from* price control under DPCO, 1987, when manufactured by SSI Units subject to certain conditions.

Prices of Dilosyn Expectorant formulations

1620. DR. GOVIND DAS RICHHARIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the price of Dilosyn Expectorant Fersolate Tablets, Tetanus Antitoxin Arovit, Bonedon and Redoxan range of formulations before the announcement of Drugs Price Control Order, 1987 and price of each as on 31st March, 1989; and

(b) what steps are being taken to check the steep price rise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987 the referred formulations are price decontrolled except Arovit & Redoxan (subsequently brought under price control and the prices of which will be regulated as per the provisions of DPCO, 1987) and manufacturers themselves determine the prices. However Government is keeping a watch and intervenes wherever found necessary. The required details to the extent available are given at Annexure [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 71].